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FM AMEMBASSY LISBON
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C O N F I D E N T I A L LISBON 8907

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SUBJECT: BIB/RFE NEGOTIATIONS: SPECULATION RE
MOTIVATION

REF: A) STATE 311781 B) LISBON 8830

1. EMBASSY BELIEVES IT WOULD BE PREMATURE TO ASSUME
THAT FIGUEIREDO'S HARD STANCE (REFTEL B) IS PART OF
BROADER PORTUGUESE POLICY RE MAJOR NEGOTIATIONS, E.G. USG
LOAN OR AOZRES.

(A) REGARDING LOAN, IT IS CERTAINLY TRUE THAT GOP
HAS BEEN MOST DISAPPOINTED IN FAILURE OF SIX-
MONTH NEGOTIATIONS ON THREE-STAGE PROGRAM TO
BEAR FRUIT. THIS HAS AFFECTED THEIR OVERALL
ATTITUDE, BUT WE VERY MUCH DOUBT LOAN/BIB
NEGOTIATIONS ARE IN ANY WAY RELATED. GOP IS
NOT PLAYING ONE OFF AGAINST THE OTHER.

(B) RE AZORES, EMBASSY EXPECTS TOUGH BARGAINING
WITH AZOREAN PARTICIPATION STIMULATING PORTUGUESE
DESIDERATA AND PERHAPS COMPLICATING NEGOTIATING
PROCEDURE. THIS, HOWEVER, ANTEDATES FIGUEIREDO'S
RESPONSE ON RARET CONTRACT. AGAIN, WE SEE NO DIRECT
CONNECTION.

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2. IT IS MOOT AT THIS POINT WHETHER FIGUEIREDO'S
RESPONSE OF DEC. 22 REPRESENTS FIRM GOP POSITION.
DEPT. WILL RECALL THAT FIGUEIREDO TOLD US IN EARLY
DECEMBER HE WAS NOT SURE HOW FAR HIS AND HIS STUDY
GROUP'S MANDATE RAN (LISBON 8364, PARA. 3).

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